



— THE OFFICE OF THE —
SCOTTISH ROAD  WORKS COMMISSIONER

Who is the Scottish Road Works Commissioner?

- Angus Carmichael
- Chartered Civil Engineer
- Started work 44 years ago
 - 3 years hydrographical surveying & marine civil engineering
 - 20 years design & construction of major road & bridge works
 - 21 years road network management
- Past co-chair of RAUCS & Director of Susiephone

Who are the office of the Scottish Road Works Commissioner?

- Colin Broadwood – Head of Operations
- Jane Dunlop – Policy
- Nisha Bunting – Performance
- Iain Ross – Scottish Road Works Register
- Lindsay Henderson Technical Standards
- Debbie Young – Office Management

Why have a Commissioner?

To oversee improvements to the

- Planning
- Co-ordination, and
- Quality

of road works in Scotland

General Functions of the 2005 Act

- monitor the carrying out of road works in Scotland
- promote compliance with the New Roads and Street Works Act 1991
- promote the pursuit of good practice

Specific Functions of the 2005 Act

- publish an annual report
- prepare an annual account
- keep a register to be known as the Scottish Road Works Register

Powers

- do **anything** calculated to facilitate the discharge of any of the Commissioner's functions
- require a road authority or an undertaker to **provide the Commissioner with such information** relevant to their respective functions and activities as the Commissioner reasonably requests.
- provide an **independent body which can impose penalties** (up to £50,000) when **systematic failure of duties** under the 1991 Act occurs by either road authorities or undertakers

Independent Review of the office of the Scottish Road Works Commissioner

- Underway - Jim Barton appointed early October
- Focus on **Independence, Improved collaboration, Enhanced enforcement**
- Evidence gathering/stakeholder engagement up to Christmas
- Emerging findings Spring 2016
- Final report March/April 2016

Current Priorities

- Road Authorities
- Undertakers
- Technical / Quality
- Policy
- Performance
- Scottish Road Works Register
- Business / Office Governance

Road Authority Priorities

- Scrutinize inconsistencies in the placing of notices on the SRWR between neighbouring authorities
- Scrutinize best practice of trunk road operating companies achieving 0% failures
- Scrutinize inconsistencies between “potential” & “actual” FPN’s issued
- Scrutinize the use of Section 125 notices
- Require road authorities to undertake sample inspections to the CoP
- Encourage all remaining road authorities to populate VAULT

Undertaker Priorities

- Scrutinize the noticing practices of multi utility undertakers
- Encourage telecoms undertakers and pipeline companies to populate VAULT
- Encourage improved attendance at SRWR User Forums
- Scrutinize undertakers who consistently fail to achieve a sample inspection pass rate of 90%
- Scrutinize undertakers where potential FPN's apply to more than 15% of works

Technical / Quality Priorities

- Extend the scope of ad-hoc inspections by the oSRWC to include insitu compaction testing of the unbound layers
- Review the SROR to identify additional areas of potential scrutiny
- Monitor more closely the performance of Core & Vac

Policy Priorities

- Continue to input to the development of policy through participation in the Policy & Development Group and the Scottish Road Research Board
- Continue to scrutinize and participate in the review of Advice Notes, Codes of Practice, etc. Emerging interest in “Measures Necessary where Apparatus is affected by Major Works / Diversionary Works”

Performance Priorities

- In addition to the issue of Annual Performance Reviews to CEO's, introduce quarterly interim performance statistics to Road Authority Heads of Service and Undertaker Senior Managers
- Examine the feasibility of introducing changes to the Scottish Road Works Register to reflect the recommendations arising from the indicator survey

Scottish Road Works Register Priorities

- Re-tender the provision of the Scottish Road Works Register
 - PIN – May 2016
 - Tender Period – July 2016 – March 2017
 - Contract Award – April 2017
 - Mobilisation Period – July 2017 to March 2018

Business / Office Governance Priorities

- Revert to a fiscal year for the Annual Report to reflect the period covered by the Annual Accounts
- Review the office balance between the scrutiny of those carrying out road works, and the essential governance associated with a Non Departmental Public Body office
- Continue to maintain and upgrade the oSRWC website and encourage RAUCS to upload information as it becomes available
- Sign off the 2014/15 Annual Accounts & publish the Annual Report



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